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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: Yixing Qin |
| Masanari SHIRAI |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2622 |
| Application No.: 09/875,015 |) | |
| | : | Confirmation No.: 9251 |
| Filed: June 7, 2001 |) | |
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| For: DEVELOPING DEVICE AND |) | November 2, 2005 |
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 2, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.